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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Richard C. Wurzinger, 57, of Stevens Point was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 262 months in prison for conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. Wurzinger was convicted of this charge on July 13, 2005.

Judge Shabaz found Wurzinger responsible for manufacturing 3.183 kilograms of methamphetamine. Wurzinger's sentence was increased because he possessed firearms in relation to his offense and because he obstructed justice.

The charges against Wurzinger are the result of an investigation conducted by the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force, the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the Adams County Sheriff's Department, the Wood County Sheriff's Department, the Stevens Point Police Department, and the Madison office of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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